THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Report was submitted to the Prime Minister on 11th November, 1999.

(d) and (e) The directions of the Supreme Court of India in its judgement of 21st March, 2002 in All India Judges' Association and others Vs. Union of India and others, *inter-alia*, contains deadlines on which the directions are to be complied with both by the Central Government for implementation in the Union territories and the respective State Governments/High Courts for implementation in the States.

The Apex Court has further directed that the States as well as the Union of India shall submit their compliance report by 30th September, 2002 and any clarification that may be required in respect of any matter arising out of the decision will be sought only from the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Extension of waterways-III

4171. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the Waterways-III from Kottappuram upto Kasergod in North and from Kollam upto Kovalam in South; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) A techno-economic feasibility study for extension of national waterway No. III from Kottappuram to Kasergod in North and from Kollam to Kovalam in South has been carried out which has shown that development of these stretches is viable. Declaration and subsequent development would be subject to the availability of resources.

Privatisation of SCI

4172. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) is likely to go in for privatization;